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2. The undersigned states in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(e) that each item of information cited in the attached PTO-1449 lists references which were cited or otherwise noted in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

3. A petition requesting consideration of the information disclosure statement is attached herewith.

4. A check in the amount of \$130.00 for the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR

1.17(i) is attached herewith.

5. A copy of the PCT international search report in which the references were cited is enclosed.

6. The cited references are described below:

DE 2558035 (claims 1, 3, and 17) discloses a process for converting C₇- C₁₂ alkylaromatic hydrocarbons, e.g., transalkylation over a catalyst comprising TEA-mordenite.

WO 98/14417 (page 14, lines 12-25) discloses transalkylating benzene with diethylbenzenes over an acidic mordenite zeolite catalyst prepared in accordance with U.S. Patent No. 5,175,135. WO98/14417 has a U.S. counterpart, U.S. 5,959,168.

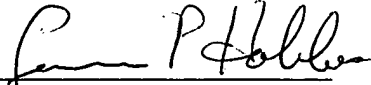
U.S. Patent No. 5,175,135 teaches acidic mordenite zeolite catalyst having a crystallite size of 500 to 5000 angstroms (0.05 to 0.05 micron).

The art listed herein, while of some relevance, is not to be considered to teach or suggest the invention described and claimed in the aforementioned application. The references do not teach or suggest the use of small crystal TEA-mordenite in a separate transalkylation reactor.

It is respectfully requested that the references listed herein be considered during prosecution of this application and made of record therein, appearing among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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